

SCHOOL ZONE

A Monthly Newsletter for the Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts and Community Groups

CNA: Pathway to a great career and a better life

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What do you do if you feel like you're stuck in a dead-end job that will never enable you to live your dreams?

At the LCC Florence Center, we just might have an answer for you.

After several years on hiatus, our Certified Nursing Assistant program is returning to Florence, in collaboration with PeaceHealth/Peace Harbor Medical Center and Lane Workforce Partnership. Our initial class will launch in early April as a CNA2 cohort, and we expect out-of-pocket costs to be minimal for selected students. We will follow up later in spring term or in early summer term with our first CNA1 cohort.

CNA1s are in demand from various health-related businesses in our community, and CNA2 is fast becoming the standard for entry-level positions at the hospital. Once you've been credentialed, in many cases you can work with your employer to continue to expand your knowledge and skill while you're making a reasonable wage.

Lane Community College offers a clear pathway from CNA1 to CNA2, and from CNA2 to our prestigious LPN/RN nursing program. Our Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program offers a one-year certificate (in addition to pre-requisite courses) that prepares students to be eligible to sit for LPN licensing exams, and our two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing prepares students to become Registered Nurses (RNs). Lane also offers an LPN-to-RN Bridge option for current LPNs to transition directly into the second year of the RN program.

While our CNA programs are offered entirely here in Florence, we also support our local LPN and RN students with two-video classes to minimize travel to Eugene, along with testing support and local clinical opportunities when possible.

But wait ... there's more!

If you want to continue to grow in your career, Lane's program offers full articulation into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN or RNBS) online program with Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) and the BSN program at Northwest Christian University close to home in Eugene, among others. OHSU's program also offers a seamless pathway to their Master of Nursing degree.

Call the college today at 541-997-8444 and ask to be placed on our waiting list to receive all the details in January. It could be the first step to change your life — for good.

Misty Morn in Mapleton



A foggy easterly view behind Mapleton High School by Mapleton student Quinn Lewis.



COURTESY PHOTOS



All the world's a stage ...

When Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) Artistic Director Melanie Heard got word that a commercial being filmed locally needed actors, she leapt at the chance to provide camera experience to her students. CROW youth participated as background actors on Dec. 8. "It provided our local kids with an experience like no other," Heard said. "It's great to see our kids learning about different genres, and I was thrilled to say 'Yes!' when the production company asked us to participate. What a great experience for our kids to be on a set, and to learn about the logistics of shooting a real commercial!" CROW is open to all area youth. For more information, visit crowkids.com.



SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

Be a part of School Zone, a monthly newsletter for students in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Maxine Jones — *Advanced Culinary*

Maxine Jones was selected as this month's artist of the month by Mr. Kyle Lewis.

Maxine is a senior at Siuslaw High School. Her proud parents are Dean Jones and Heather Hevin. She enjoys Mr. Lewis's movie quotes and butchering cows during 4th and 5th period Advanced Culinary.

The atmosphere of Advanced Culinary is "very funny, family like," says Maxine.

Culinary has taught her "how to be a better cook and finance myself with food" along with how to butcher a cow. The Advanced Culinary's cow butchering experience was "very successful with almost 500 pounds of meat."

When asked if she was grossed out by anything that she saw, Maxine said, "No, I went into it thinking I was going to be [grossed out], but I wasn't."

She is especially grateful that "Mr. Lewis is so helpful when I'm trying to figure out what food to eat (during college)."

Outside of cooking, Maxine has always been "in love with math" and plans to one day become a "certified personal accountant, the highest branch of accounting."

She also enjoys bowling and has currently been to state twice with her team. They hope to go to state again, which is being held in Klamath Falls, this February.



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"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." — Hippocrates